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DATE: March 5, 1963

FROM : AmEmbassy, BRASILIA

SUBJECT: Governor Borges of Goias Complains of Slowness of Alliance for Progress, Discusses Goias Development Plans.

REF :

There is attached a memorandum of conversation with Governor Mauro Borges Teixeira (PSD) of Goias, in which he complained of the slowness of the Alliance for Progress, alleging that his state's plans had been approved by the Brazilian Government and submitted to USAID, and were awaiting United States action. (See TOAID 1057 for actual status). He described some of his state's plans and urged that Ambassador Gordon revisit Goias soon to see his plans and projects.

Governor Borges admitted the possibility of his running for vice president in 1965, and said that the Three Year Plan of President Goulart is good, although perhaps a little severe in its anti-inflationary measures.

The over-all impression left by the relatively young Governor (he appears to be about 45) is that he is a person of nimble wit and a good administrator, but with neither a particularly profound understanding of economics nor a particularly sound education. He is an eclectic.

For the Charge d'Affaires, a.i.:

Enclosure: att. att. c. a.
Memorandum of Conversation

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

February 18, 1963

PARTICIPANTS: Governor Mauro Borges Teixeira (PSD, Goias)
Consul C. Dirck Keyser
Attache Thomas J. Barrett, Jr. (part of conversation)
USIS Representative (Goiania) Walter Menezes
(part of conversation)
Various members of Governor's staff
(parts of conversation)

SUBJECT: Alliance for Progress, Goias' Development Plans,
and Other Matters

PLACE: Governor's Palace, Goiania

During the course of our Consul's first courtesy call on Governor Borges, during luncheon, and afterward, the Governor expounded his views on subjects as varied as birth control in Polynesia, the Alliance for Progress, agricultural reform in Goias, and the national political scene.

Speaking of the Alliance for Progress at various times during the course of about two hours and half of conversation, the Governor expressed the opinion that it was moving slowly. Asked if Goias' plans had been submitted to COCAP, the Brazilian Governments's Alliance for Progress coordinating body, the Governor said that it had, and also that his state's plans had already been approved by COCAP. He was under the impression that COCAP had submitted GOIAS' plans to USAID, and was awaiting USAID action. The Consul promised to look into the matter for the Governor. After lunch, the Governor showed the Consul his office and his planning charts and papers, making a number of the papers available to him and to Mr. Barrett. He suggested that Ambassador Lincoln Gordon might wish to revisit Goias before long to see what the state is doing and planning.

Discussing the state's plans, the Governor mentioned plans for agricultural development. There is quite enough land in Goias for

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the state's approximately two million inhabitants, and the problem was not one of finding land, since most of the land was presently unoccupied and state property (relatively little belongs to the federal government). Indeed, the unoccupied lands are drawing settlers from Bahia and the Northeast. A basic problem is that of legalizing the titles of the squatter settlers. Problems also arise because the settlers are spread out, and, after being in a given locality for a time, begin to seek public services, such as schools and roads. It is very difficult to service people who are so spread out, and the state government is trying to encourage agglomeration. About six cooperative colonization projects have been undertaken with this in mind; these are "cocktails" (one of the Governor's favorite words in this connection) of ideas picked up from all over the world, with the idea of the kibutz in Israel being one of the most important ideas.

At another point in the conversation, Governor Borges emphasized that Goiás and Brazil, in solving their many problems, must be eclectic in adapting solutions found by others in various parts of the world.

Speaking of the industrial and mining sector of the economy of the state and his plans for it, the Governor spoke with satisfaction of mixed companies, incorporating private and public capital. He mentioned the new company recently formed for the exploitation of Goiás' nickel deposits as an example: 60 per cent of the stock was to be subscribed by the Moraes Group (headed by Agriculture Minister José Ermirio de Moraes, PTB, Pernambuco), the other 40 per cent by a mixed company, Metais de Goiás S.A. (METAGO), of which the State of Goiás held 51 per cent of the stock.

Speaking of Brazilian politics, Governor Borges said that the question of his being a candidate for the vice presidency in 1965 was open, and would have to be determined by the people. His tone and rather coy smile indicated clearly that he could be drafted with a minimum of fuss.

President Goulart's Three Year Plan is basically sound, the Governor said, although when questioned, he said that the rate of cut-back on inflation was perhaps too high. About ten per cent per annum was a high enough rate of cut-back, in his opinion.

Early in the conversation, while the subject was still on banalities such as the weather, the Governor made comparisons with winter weather he had experienced in the United States and in Siberia.

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